
CHURCH INFORMATION

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Deadline for bulletin inclusion: Thursday end of day

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University Mennonite Church's safe-child policy demonstrates our commitment to the physical safety and the spiritual growth of all our children and youth, ages birth to 18, as well as to our volunteers who care for them. The complete policy is posted in the lobby entrances and in the nursery room.

Our church maintains a Google Group email list to keep members informed about prayer requests and happenings in the community. Find out more and request to join at <https://universitymennonite.org/email-sharing-list/>

Our church has an online directory with photos and contact information.

Find out more and request to join at:

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Sign up to receive **Pastor Kate's midweek email newsletter** at:

<http://eepurl.com/gtOJur>

Missed worship? Our church services are being recorded and published at

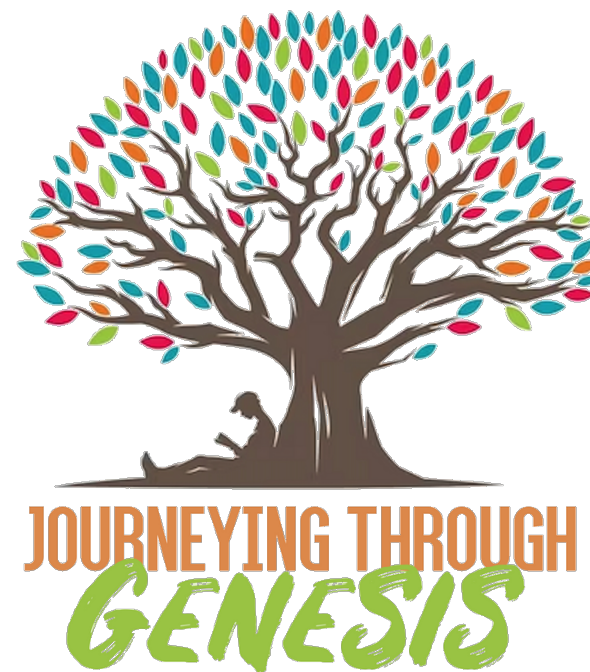
<http://www.universitymennonite.org/worship-service-recordings-current/>

Church calendar <https://universitymennonite.org/calendar/>

Church Wi-Fi information – Connect to **umc**, password **mennosimons**



Sunday Worship
October 20, 2024, 10 am



Rooted in the love of Christ, we welcome each one here today—
we welcome your mind, body, and spirit; we welcome your faith and
your doubts; your joys and your sorrows. Wherever you come from,
whatever your age, and whomever you love...
Whoever you are, you are welcome here.

Worship Leader: Rick Stehouwer

Accompanist: Becky Kephart

Song Leader: Faith King

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude – Becky Kephart

Welcome and prayer – Rick Stehouwer

Call to worship

Leader: We gather as pilgrims on a journey of faith

**People: We come seeking the cloud of your presence
as we travel the way.**

We come seeking your pillar of fire to light our darkness.

All: Shine in our hearts, O God,

With the light of your love.

Make your presence known through Jesus the Christ. AMEN

Singing

Sing to the God of the Harvest – VT 122

O Worship Our God – VT 129

Lighting the peace lamp

Calling the children forward for children's time, *Come and See* – VT 282

Children's time – Presenting Bibles to Lena Bies & Jonas Wideman

Scripture reading and singing

Listen to the Word, VT 405

Genesis 32:22-32 (pew Bibles, page)

Singing

Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown – VT 191

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Glimpses of joy – *Jacob's Dream* by Noah Reid

Moments where we have seen glimpses of the divine in our lives

Sharing time – Pastor Kate

Visioning Team – Leslie Webb

Announcements/birthdays/anniversaries/introduction of visitors

Benediction

Announcements

Coming up – Check out the church calendar for more details

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Oct 20, after worship – Intergenerational Christian education

Oct 21, 5 pm – Lights and Prayers for Peace at Allen St. Gates

Oct 22, 12 pm – Lectio Divina, Zoom

Oct 24, 7 am – Men's Breakfast

Oct 20, after worship – Christian education for all ages

Journeying through Genesis – This fall we are exploring the rich and complicated stories from that ancient Hebrew text. We are using the Peace Table Storybook Bible to structure our Sunday scripture and themes, and to guide our children's times.

UMC library news – UMC library resources for the ongoing study of Genesis and other scripture studies are on display in the elevator lobby. Please check them out and return when you are finished with them. - Library Committee

Music is an important part of our worship each Sunday, and we have a pool of volunteers who lead singing, accompany hymns, and play the prelude and special music. Do we have musicians who are not in the loop? If you sing, play an instrument, or have song-leading skills and are interested in helping with music, please let Krista Weidner know (kristaweidner@outlook.com). We'd love to add you to our group of musicians.

UMC offers Christian education classes for all ages following the worship service. All are welcome to intergenerational gatherings in the basement on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. On the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays, junior youth, older elementary, and younger elementary classes will meet in the basement and adults will meet in the sanctuary.

Join us each week on Tuesday at noon on Zoom for a curious, open-hearted look at the scripture for the coming Sunday. We ask questions of the text and ourselves, wondering what invitation it has for our lives today. There is also a time of sharing the joys, sorrows, and challenges in our lives and praying with one another. Contact Pastor Kate for a Zoom link.

Children in UMC worship – Children through fifth grade are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary for children's time. After children's time, the nursery is available for children ages four and under. (Parents, please check to see if the nursery is staffed; if not, please stay with your child.) Children of all ages are also welcome to remain in the sanctuary for the service or to gather at the table in the back for quiet activities using the materials provided.

Announcements (cont.)

Interested in exploring church membership? A class will take place later this fall. Contact one of the elders (Faith King, Doug Miller and Leah Witzig) or Kate for more details.

Ten Thousand Villages Holiday Sale - TTV is planning a three-day holiday sale at the Unitarian Fellowship on November 21, 22, and 23. Since the store has closed, this will be an opportunity for the local community to support international fair-trade and shop for the holidays. We plan to have a wide variety of artisan goods, coffee, chocolate, tea, and heirloom quality rugs from Bunyaad. It takes a lot of effort to pull off a sale like this. If you would like to help with one or more shifts, check out the online signup sheet and join the effort - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4AA4AC2AA6FC1-51714568-tenthousand#/>

MCUSA News - Rachel's Tears: A Reflection on the anniversary of the Israel-Hamas War, by Amy Yoder-McGloghlin, Allegheny Mennonite's new conference minister. Read - <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/rachels-tears-a-reflection-on-the-anniversary-of-the-israel-hamas-war/>

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